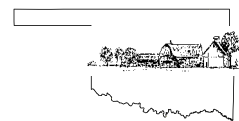




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Continued Rain Shuts Down Field Work

November 21 - - Rains continued to fall last week leaving producers with only .6 days suitable for field work. All but one district received at least an inch of rain with 2 districts receiving over 3 inches of rain. It was the third week in a row with limited days suitable for producers to work in the fields. Conditions this year were considerably wetter than last year when 56 percent of the topsoil was short or very short. This year, due to the continual rainfall last three weeks, topsoil moisture was 63 percent surplus, 36 percent adequate, and 1 percent short. Subsoil moisture was 27 percent surplus, 68 percent adequate, and 5 percent short.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	1	36	63
Last Week	0	2	70	28
Last Year	16	40	41	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	5	68	27
Last Week	6	8	75	11
Last Year	22	36	40	2

Small Grains: Small grain planting and emergence made virtually no progress as fields were saturated. There was still about 5 percent of the wheat left to be planted. All small grain conditions were mostly good. There were reports of yellowing of wheat due to the excessive moisture. Sunshine and dry temperatures are needed to improve small grain conditions.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 21, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	0	2	22	53	23
Last Week	0	1	18	58	23
Last Year	5	9	26	48	12
Rye					
This Week	0	2	10	68	20
Oats					
This Week	0	0	18	71	11

Row Crops: Row crop activities were also limited due to rain last week with harvest brought almost to a stand still. Row crop progress for all crops was below last year and the five-year average. There were reports of many row crop acres ready to harvest but, due to wet field conditions, producers were unable to get into the fields. Harvest of sorghum, soybeans, and cotton all increased only one point to 68, 76 and 55 percent, respectively. Peanuts made a little more progress last week with 94 percent dug and 72 percent combined.

Hay: Alfalfa hay cutting was also affected by the weather and the fifth and sixth cuttings increased only one point. Hay supplies were still above average with the cold weather season beginning.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 21, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	3	30	51	13

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range was good to fair condition. Many of the stocker cattle were being turned onto the permanent pastures until the wheat pastures dry out.

Livestock: Producers were still holding many cattle back from the wheat fields due to the muddy conditions. Some producers were even pulling cattle off of the wheat fields to keep small grain pasture damage to a minimum. Livestock conditions were in good to excellent condition with a light to average death loss reported. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds took a drop of two dollars and nineteen cents to \$111.95 per cwt. while prices for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds went down fifty-two cents to \$105.00 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 21, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	2	15	63	20
Pasture & Range	1	4	26	57	12

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OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending November 21, 2004

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Planted	95	94	100	95	Harvested	76	75	83	91
Emerged	93	92	95	87	Peanuts -				
Oats -					Dug	94	90	100	96
Seedbed Prepared	92	91	94	96	Combined	72	70	96	87
Planted	58	57	57	66	Cotton -				
Emerged	57	56	56	56	Harvested	55	54	67	73
Sorghum -					Alfalfa -				
Mature	89	88	98	99	5 th Cutting	90	89	84	66
Harvested	68	67	86	89	6 th Cutting	45	44	N/A	N/A

Weather for Week Ending November 21, 2004 - Temperatures ranged from 29 degrees at Kenton on Sunday, November 21st to 74 degrees at Pryor on Wednesday, November 17th. Precipitation averaged 0.80 inches in Northeast district to 3.85 inches in Southwest district. Soil temperatures averaged 38 degrees at Kenton on Sunday, November 21st, to 63 degrees at Clayton on Thursday, November 18th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending November 21, 2004

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High Low Average			This Week	September 1, 2004 to November 21, 2004		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	51	40	45	1.05	6.15	+2.04	149
West Central	55	48	51	3.34	9.83	+3.03	145
Southwest	59	50	54	3.85	10.83	+3.25	143
North Central	56	48	52	1.83	8.44	+1.19	116
Central	59	50	55	2.49	10.77	+1.04	111
South Central	62	52	57	1.92	12.80	+2.04	119
Northeast	61	50	55	0.80	10.28	- 0.67	94
East Central	63	52	57	1.18	13.04	+0.80	107
Southeast	66	55	60	1.07	11.19	- 1.89	86